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1. EAST JERUSALEM/WEST BANK PRESS HAVE GIVEN ONLY SCANT BUT
GENERALLY FAVORABLE ATTENTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S
ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITY AND TO THE U.S. POSITION
AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA.

2. "AL QUDS" (MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN) OF FEB 15 IN ITS FRONT
PAGE EDITORIAL "HUMAN RIGHTS AND ISRAEL" DRAWS ATTENTION TO
THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON ISRAEL AND THEN CONTRASTS GOI CON-
DUCT WITHIN ISRAEL AND THEOCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IT QUICKLY
RUNS DOWN THE TYPES OF VIOLATIONS AND DESCRIBES THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE RED CROSS CONCERNING DETAINEES. IT CONCLUDES WITH
"SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY THE RED CROSS AND THE
"SUNDAY TIMES" FOR THEIR EFFORTS WHICH WILL MITIGATE OUR
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SUFFERINGS AND THOSE OF UR DETAINED IN ALL THE ISRAELI
PRISONS."

3. "AS SHA'AB" (INDEPENDENT, PRO-PLO) FEB 16 CARRIED
ON ITS FRONT PAGE WIRE SERVICE REPORTING ON THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING
THE PALESTINIANS. "AL QUDS" OF FEB 12 MENTIONED THE

U.S. DELEGATE IN GENEVA AS LATEST OF A GROUP OF AMERICAN
OFFICIALS CRITICAL OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY.

4. COMMENT: ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AT THE TIME OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT
WAS PROBABLY OVERSHADOWED BY THE BROADER QUESTIO OF
THE U.S. POSITION VIS A VIS ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN
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